

Bureau of Land Management, Interior

§ 3286.1

Subpart 3285—Appeals

§ 3285.1 Appeals.

Appeals from final orders or decisions issued under the regulations in this part shall be made in the manner provided in Part 4 of this title.

Subpart 3286—Model Forms

§ 3286.1 Model unit agreement: Unproven areas.

UNIT AGREEMENT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND OPERATION OF THE _____ UNIT AREA
COUNTY _____ OF _____ STATE
OF _____

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_____ UNIT AGREEMENT _____ COUNTY

This Agreement entered into as of the _____ day of _____, 19____, by and between the parties subscribing, ratifying, or consenting hereto, and herein referred to as the "parties hereto".

WITNESSETH: Whereas the parties hereto are the owners of working, royalty, or other geothermal resources interests in land subject to this Agreement; and

Whereas the Geothermal Steam Act of 1970 (84 Stat. 1566), hereinafter referred to as the "Act", authorizes Federal lessees and their representatives to unite with each other, or jointly or separately with others, in collectively adopting and operating under a cooperative or unit plan of development or operation of any geothermal resources pool, field, or like area, or any part thereof, for the purpose of more properly conserving the natural resources thereof, whenever determined and certified by the Secretary of the Interior to be necessary or advisable in the public interest; and

Whereas the parties hereto hold sufficient interest in the _____ Unit Area covering the land herein described to effectively control operations therein; and

Whereas, it is the purpose of the parties hereto to conserve natural resources, prevent waste, and secure other benefits obtainable through development and operations of the area subject to this Agreement under the terms, conditions, and limitations herein set forth;

Now, therefore, in consideration of the premises and the promises herein contained, the parties hereto commit to this agreement their respective interests in the below-defined Unit Area, and agree severally among themselves as follows:

ARTICLE I—ENABLING ACT AND REGULATIONS

1.1 The Act and all valid pertinent regulations, including operating and unit plan regulations, heretofore or hereafter issued thereunder are accepted and made a part of this agreement as to Federal lands.

1.2 As to non-Federal lands, the geothermal resources operating regulations in effect as of the effective date hereof governing drilling and producing operations, not inconsistent with the laws of the State in which the non-Federal land is located, are hereby accepted and made a part of this agreement.

ARTICLE II—DEFINITIONS

2.1 The following terms shall have the meanings here indicated:

(a) *Geothermal lease*. A lease issued under the act of December 24, 1970 (84 Stat. 1566), pursuant to the leasing regulations contained in 43 CFR Group 3200 and, unless the context indicates otherwise, "lease" shall mean a geothermal lease.

(b) *Unit area*. The area described in Article III of this Agreement.

(c) *Unit operator*. The person, association, partnership, corporation, or other business entity designated under this Agreement to conduct operations on Unitized Land as specified herein.

(d) *Participating area*. That part of the Unit Area which is deemed to be productive from a horizon or deposit and to which production